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PATENT APPLICATION

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor(s): Ronald Pasqualini.

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Examiner: O. Nadav

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114

Please continue the examination of this application.

PREREQUISITES

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee has not been paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).

Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).

Reply to any outstanding action and Rule 17(e) filing fee must be enclosed

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☒ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed
2. ☒ The enclosed Amendment to Office Action dated October 18, 2001
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed and reply brief filed
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☒ The enclosed ☐ IDS Letter ☒ Non-Publish Request ☐ Foreign Search Report/OA
☐ PTO-1449 ☐ Cited Documents
6. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of months (3 mos. Max) for which the required \$130 fee is enclosed
7. The required RCE filing fee of \$740.00 is attached.

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